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SPLITTERS TAKE POLLOCK CATCH.

Georges Handliner and Two Steam Netters Bring Fish.

Four of the pollock seining fleet are at this port this morning with fares ranging from 12,000 to 25,000 pounds each. Most of these fish will go to the splitters, as there is little market demand. There is still a good sized fleet engaged in seining pollock and the most of them will hang to it for quite a while yet.

Sch. Marsala, which arrived from Georges yesterday noon from a deck handline trip, had 25,000 pounds of salt cod and 3000 pounds of halibut. During the afternoon the steam netters Nomad and Quoddy came in with small fares, but the former had all haddock, 4000 pounds for her catch.

During the night, sch. Frances P. Mesquita came down from Boston with 35,000 pounds of fresh cod for the splitters and sch. Lillian arrived from Jonesport, Me., with 400 barrels of salted clams to be used by the dory handliners for bait.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

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Sch. Marsala, Georges, 25,000 lbs. salt cod, 3000 lbs. halibut.
Steamer Nomad, shore, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.
Steamer Quoddy, shore, 6500 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Lillian, Jonesport, Me., 400 bbls. salted clams.
Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, via Boston, 35,000 lbs. fresh cod.
Steamer Bessie M. Dugan, shore, 25,000 lbs. pollock.
Steamer Elthea, shore, 18,000 lbs. pollock.
Steamer Bessie A., shore, 15,000 lbs. pollock.
Steamer Jeffery, shore, 12,000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Nokomis, shore.
Sch. Mary E. Sinnett, shore.
Sch. Lillian, La Have Bank, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish, 400 lbs. halibut.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Marjie Turner, halibuting.
Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, haddock-ing.
Sch. Nomad, shore.
Steamer Quoddy, shore.
Sch. Agnes, halibuting.
Sch. Elmer E. Gray, south seining.

Today's Fish Market.

Bank halibut, 12c per lb. for white and 9½c per lb. for gray.
Georges halibut, 12 cts. per lb. for white and 10 cts. for gray.
Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.
Large salt handline Georges cod, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.00.
Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.
Salt pollock, \$1.25 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1.25; salt hake, \$1.25.
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.60; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 80 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, round, 65 cts.; dressed, 70 cts.

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Lunenburg, N. S., Fish Notes.

Sch. Colonia is fitting out for the banks.
Sch. Annie L. Spindler, sailed Monday for the banks.
Sch. Burnett C., Herman, with cargo of fish for Zwicker & Co., limited sailed Monday for Ponce, Porto Rico.
The trim new schooner Mayola, made the run from here to Halifax last Thursday in four hours.
Sch. Vivian B. Walters, baited Sunday night and will sail for the banks Monday.
The Blanford schooner M. Unity was reported with 5,000 lbs. of fresh fish.
Sch. Jubilee, landed 2,000 pounds of fresh fish Monday morning.
Sch. Gladys B. Smith is fitting out for the banks.
Shore fishermen report fish plentiful and are making good catches.

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CREW SHARED \$105.

Sch. Frances P. Mesquita \$3625 in Less Than a Month.

Sch. Frances P. Mesquita has done finely on her two off shore fresh cod and haddock trips to Georges. On the two trips the craft was gone somewhat less than a month, stocking \$1665 on the first and \$2020 on the second trip, the crew sharing \$105 clear on the two. The craft was out in command of Capt. Manuel P. Alves, the regular steward of the craft, and he certainly made a splendid showing. He took command for Capt. Joseph P. Mesquita, the regular skipper and part owner, who stayed ashore on account of the serious illness of his wife. Capt. Mesquita will now resume command and will sail today.

NEW VESSELS.

Tonnage of New Crafts Added to Fishing Fleet.

The new sch. Gladys and Nellie of Boston measures 107 tons gross, 64 tons net.

The new sch. Josephine DeCosta of Provincetown measures 114 tons gross, 84 tons net.

The new sch. Harriet of this port measures 95 tons gross, 58 tons net.

The new sch. Rhodora of this port measures 116 tons gross, 81 tons net.

Nova Scotia Fishermen's Unions.

The bill introduced by M. H. Nickerson in the Nova Scotia house of assembly to provide for the organization of fishermen's unions, contains the following:—

Any number of members of a station of the Fishermen's Union, not less than 10, may by subscribing their names and addresses to memorandum of association in the form of "A" in the schedule to this act, and otherwise comply with the requirements of this act in respect to registration, may obtain a certificate from the registrar of joint stock companies incorporating them and such other members of the union as may become members of the corporation under the name of Fishermen's Union No. — Co-operative association, limited.

The objects of the said association shall be:—

(a) Buying, selling, bartering, taking on consignment, dealing in and packing fish, including lobsters and fish products of all kinds;

(b) Buying and acquiring fishing gear of all kinds for the use of members or for sale to said members;

(c) Acquiring and holding real estate and buying of chartering vessels for use in carrying out the objects of the association.

Pollock Returned to Maine Coast.

Pollock have returned to the Maine coast. That was the goods news announced by Capt. G. W. Greenleaf of the United States fishing steamer Gannet when he made Portland Wednesday afternoon. Up to 10 days ago the netters were doing well in landing the dark-backed fish, but all of a sudden the pollock disappeared and no sign of them could be seen along the Maine coast. Fishermen cruised up and down and in and out of bays and yet they could find no fish.

* Wednesday as the Gannet was coming by Mark island, Capt. Greenleaf saw two big schools of pollock right in shore. The fish all appeared to be large ones and they were heading for shoaler water. Not two hours before these were seen, a netter had passed the section, but had reported no signs of them. Whether the pollock are schooling all along the Maine coast as they were at Mark island cannot be told, but the fact that two good-sized schools have been sighted is regarded as a good indication that they have returned after a 10 days' absence.

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Portland Fish Notes.

Wednesday's arrivals: Steamer Carrie and Mildred, with 5000 lbs. fish; sch. Bernie and Bessie, with 5000 lbs. fish; sch. Mary A. Osier, 2000; sloops Hazel B., 4000; Defender, 4000.

The fishing steamer Pet, which has been on the marine railway this week, is now at Central wharf making further repairs, retubing boilers and otherwise being put in first-class shape for the summer fishing business.

Another good sized trip of salt clam bait arrived here Wednesday on the sch. Triton, Capt. Hathaway. He has 250 barrels which will be taken to Gloucester. In addition to this, the schooner has smoked herring on board and she brought a big deck load of empty oil barrels which were discharged at Portland.

Nearly 50,000 pounds of fish were landed at this port Tuesday and of the total amount 38,000 pounds was pollock. Sch. Marion Turner brought in 27,000 pounds while the little sloop, Alice G. came in with 11,000 pounds.

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The only schooner to come into port with mixed fish was sch. Angie B. Watson and her crew landed 10,000 pounds of cod, haddock and hake.

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NETTERS BRING FRESH FISH.

Sch. Grayling Has Fine Codfish Trip From Brown's Bank.

Fish arrivals here continue light. Yesterday afternoon, sch. Squanto came down from Boston with 40,000 pounds of fresh fish for the splitters. The steamer Nomad had 3000 pounds of haddock and steamer Quoddy had 7000 pounds of haddock, the result of their daily steam netting trips.

Sch. Little Fanny brought in 12,000 pounds of pollock and steamer Bryda F. had 12,000 pounds also. The pollock are large, going in the neighborhood of 10 pounds, but the pollock seiners did not do much with them yesterday. Beside these two trips, sch. Dauntless got a haul and came in and anchored on the Pancake ground, but did not land, and is out on the ground again this morning. Sch. Jennie H. Gilbert also got a small haul.

Yesterday afternoon, sch. Grayling, Capt. Axel Laager, came in from Brown's Bank with a splendid handline cod trip, 55,000 pounds of salt cod, 8000 pounds of fresh cod and 1500 pounds of halibut. This craft fished in company with sch. Harvard, which brought in a big fare a few days ago, and as she was reported doing well on big fishing, her arrival with the splendid catch was rather expected. The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

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Sch. Grayling, Brown's Bank, 55,000 lbs. salt cod, 6000 lbs. fresh cod, 1500 lbs. halibut.
Sch. Little Fanny, shore, 12,000 lbs. pollock.
Steamer Bryda F., shore, 12,000 lbs. pollock.
Steamer Nomad, shore, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
Steamer Quoddy, shore, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Helen B. Thomas, shore.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore.
Sch. George H. Lube, shore.
Sch. Edith Silveira, shore.
Sch. Massasoit, shore.
Sch. Blanche F. Irving, shore.
Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, shore.
Sch. Valentina, shore.
Steamer Nomad, shore.
Steamer Quoddy, shore.
Sch. Conqueror, haddocking.
Steamer Bryda F., pollocking.
Sch. Jennie H. Gilbert, pollocking.
Steamer Bessie M. Dugan, pollocking.
Sch. Little Fanny, pollocking.
Sch. Ingomar, haddocking.
Sch. Alice R. Lawson, dory handlining.
Sch. Tacoma, halibuting.

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Halibut at Portland.

Sch. Yakima, Capt. Robert Wharton, of this port, is at Portland today with 20,000 pounds of halibut. Capt. Wharton has made a very quick trip as the craft has been gone from here but 14 days.

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BOTTOM DROPPED FROM MARKET.

Fish Prices at Low Ebb on T Wharf.

The market at T wharf this morning has gone to smash. The drop began early yesterday and this forenoon it was very dull all around, especially on codfish. A few shore haddock went for \$2 or a little better and the bulk sold for \$1.30 and \$1.50. Cod were down to splitting prices, while hake went from 70 cents to \$2 and pollock 80 cents to \$1.00. Some of the latter did not sell and will come her to split.

Four of the Provincetown fleet, which fish down off Chatham, had good fares, all the way from 25,000 to 61,000 pounds, the latter fare going to the credit of the new sch. Josephine DeCosta.

Steamer Philomena had 13,000 pounds of pollock and sch. Margie Smith 10,000 pounds. The latter will come here to split.

Of the market boats sch. Gladys and Nellie, with 28,000 pounds has the highest fare. Sch. Sadie M. Nunan has 24,000 pounds, and sch. Elva L. Spurling 23,000 pounds. Several boats have around 12,000 pounds and other catches range from 1200 up to 10,000 pounds.

The receipts in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Elva L. Spurling, 1000 cod, 15,000 hake, 6500 cusk.
Sch. Philomena, 13,000 pollock.
Sch. Dixie, 1000 haddock, 200 cod, 300 hake.
Sch. Motor, 4000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Maud F. Silva, 7000 haddock, 5000 cod.
Sch. A. C. Newhall, 9000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 cusk, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 9000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 cusk.
Sch. Arbitrator, 26,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Harmony, 19,000 haddock, 3500 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Margie Smith, 10,000 pollock.
Sch. Seacomet, 5000 haddock, 4000 cod, 3000 hake, 2000 cusk.
Sch. Rose Cabral, 7000 haddock, 9000 cod.
Sch. Josephine DeCosta, 50,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 2000 pollock.
Sch. Morning Star, 1200 cod.
Sch. Diana, 1200 cod.
Sch. Mary J. Ward, 3000 haddock, 500 cod.
Sch. Minerva, 3000 haddock, 500 cod.
Sch. Yankee, 2500 haddock, 4500 cod.
Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 4000 haddock, 4000 cod, 4000 hake.
Sch. Gladys and Nellie, 20,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 3000 pollock.
Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 15,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 2000 cusk, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Mary Emerson, 4500 cod.
Sch. Genesta, 13,000 haddock, 3000 cod.
Sch. Jessie Costa, 16,000 haddock, 13,000 cod, 2000 hake, 3000 pollock.
Haddock, \$1.30 to \$2.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$2; market cod, \$1.50 to \$1.75; hake, 70 cents to \$2; pollock, 80 cents to \$1; cusk, \$1.25.

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SCHOONER CONDEMNED.

Sch. Charles Levi Woodbury Declared Forfeited to the Crown.

"Then there is nothing left for me to do but to pronounce the usual order of condemnation of the vessel and declare it forfeited to the crown." This judgment for Mr. Justice Martin, sitting in admiralty at Vancouver, C. B., closed one of the briefest trials on record in that court. The herring vessel before it was the halibut fishing sch. Charles Levi Woodbury, formerly of this port, owned by the Standard Fish Company of Seattle, seized by the Kestrel in the Scott Island group off the north end of Vancouver Island on April 18, after a lively chase and many shots, for fishing within the three-mile limit. But there was not a word about the chase or the shots. There was an admission of technical guilt by counsel for defendants and a willing submission to the order of condemnation and forfeiture of the vessel, which is now anchored in the Fraser, with an intimation that there would be an appeal to the government for clemency under unusual circumstances.

Weather Warm on Mackerel Grounds.

The weather yesterday on the southern mackerel seining grounds was warm and the wind north.

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GRAMPUS NOT AVAILABLE FOR MACKEREL RESEARCH.

Craft Will Be Used in Lobster Propagation Work This Year.

Department Has No Other Vessel Which Can Be Used.

The Bureau of Fisheries has decided not to continue this season the work of mackerel investigation and research, which was begun last year by the fish commission sch. Grampus under the charge of Capt. Jerry Cook as mackerel expert. Some time ago the Board of Trade asked that steamer equipped with wireless to continue the work so well started by Capt. Cook last season.

This the bureau was unable to do

and so notified the board. The sentiment then was that the work be continued by the Grampus, with Capt. Cook in charge.

Yesterday President Thomas J. Carroll of the Board of Trade, received a letter from Commissioner Bowers, stating that the department had found itself unable to take up the mackerel research work again this season, as it had been arranged to use the Grampus in lobster research and propagation work and that the department had no other craft available for use in mackerel research work.

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WEEK A POOR ONE ON T WHARF.

Fish in Plenty But Demand Was Very Light.

A dull ending of a dull trade week is the story at Boston today. There has been a lot of fish brought in, but not much call for them, therefore quite a lot of fish has come here to split. Prices this morning are about as bad as can well be imagined, with live shore haddock at \$1 and large cod at splitting prices, with market cod 10 cents under.

Yesterday, after the morning report, schs. Rex and Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., came in from off-shore with big trips, took out a few and hoisted sail for Gloucester and the splitters.

This morning two more of the off-shore fleet are in, schs. Lizzie M. Stanley and Belbina P. Domingoes, each with big fares, the former having 4000 pounds of halibut, which will swell the stock in great shape.

Sch. Mooween, Capt. Daniel McDonald, came in from Quero Bank with 20,000 pounds of halibut and sch. Nettie Franklin of the Provincetown fleet has a nice fare. Two of the shore boats have small catches.

For the week ending Thursday, 78 fares of fresh fish aggregating 1,702,700 pounds were landed at Boston against 85 arrivals with 1,466,200 pounds for the corresponding week last year.

The receipts in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Olivia Sears, 1500 cod.
Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, 70,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 4000 halibut.
Sch. Mooween, 20,000 halibut.
Sch. Nettie Franklin, 20,000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 4000 pollock.
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, 30,000 haddock, 50,000 cod.
Sch. Frances J. O'Hara, Jr., 55,000 haddock, 35,000 cod.
Sch. Rex, 60,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.
Sch. Mary Emerson, 2800 cod.
No sales off shore stock; shore haddock, \$1 per cwt.; shore large cod, \$2; shore market cod, \$1.50.

Portland Fish Notes.

Over 60,000 pounds of fish were brought in here Thursday, the largest proportion of which were pollock, the sch. Marion Turner bringing in 27,000 pounds of that species and the little sloop Alice G. over 11,000 pounds. The fishing steamer Carrie and Mildred came in with her usual amount, about 6000 pounds, mostly haddock. This steamer, which is operating the Atwood patent seine, is meeting with fine success this spring, the fish she is bringing in being of large and very uniform size, the meshes of her nets being so large that the small fish all slipped through. As a result her catches are in excellent demand and sell considerably higher than the average run of the catches made in this vicinity.

Thomas Skolfield, formerly captain of the sch. Angie B. Watson, is soon to move to Nova Scotia where he will engage in the white fish business.

Sch. Mildred V. Nunan with 12,000 pounds of fresh fish, sch. Angie B. Watson 10,000 sloop Hazel B., 4000 and sloop Sea Foam 3000, also schs. Marjie Turner, Topsail Girl and Wesley W. Sinnott were also among the Thursday arrivals.

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MANY CRAFTS WILL SAIL.

Several of Seining Fleet Among the Number.

This is sailing day with a large number of the off shore vessels of the fleet and incidentally quite a number of the shore vessels will get out, also. Among the southern seiners booked to go are schs. Benjamin A. Smith, Arcadia, Speculator, Lena and Maud, Victor, Veda M. McKown, Arthur James, Diana.

The dory handliners Helen G. Wells, and Gladiator and the fresh halibuter Catherine Burke will also go and several others will be added to the list before sundown.

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Alewives at Edgartown.

A special to the Times this morning from Edgartown states that the run of alewives is now on and that fishermen can probably secure them for bait now at \$1 per hundred.

Salt Mackerel Imports.

The imports of salt mackerel at Boston to date of the catch of 1909 was 32,868 barrels against 42,895 barrels of the catch of 1908, at this time last year.

Fresh Halibut Sale.

The fare of fresh halibut of sch. Mooween, at Boston today sold at 10 cents per pound for white and 8 1-2 cents per pound for gray.